

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 41 through 86, all newly-presented, are pending, with Claims 41, 60, 66, and 76 being independent. Claims 20 through 25, 27 through 35, and 37 through 40 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 20 through 25, 27 through 35, and 37 through 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,161,194 (Ujii) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,534,913 (Majeti, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 41 recites, inter alia, encapsulating a first IP packet from the TCP/IP stack of the computing device (in which computing device the driver is used) within a second IP packet.

Claim 60 recites, inter alia, a driver being configured to send an IP packet from the TCP/IP stack of a computing device (in which computing device the driver is used) through an IP tunnel across a network.

Claim 66 recites, inter alia, a driver with means for placing the first IP packet within a second IP packet, the second IP packet having as its destination IP address an IP address of a gateway apparatus on the Internet, wherein the gateway apparatus obtains the first IP packet from the second IP packet.

Claim 76 recites, inter alia, that the internet browser sends a packet across the Internet to a second apparatus through (a) the TCP/IP stack, (b) a tunnel between the apparatus and a gateway apparatus, and (c) means for transmitting packets from the gateway apparatus to the second apparatus.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Ujii nor Majeti, et al., even in combination, assuming, arguendo, that the documents could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 41, 60, 66, and 76. It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any questions remain, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative, Craig L. Plastrik, at (301) 601-7252.

CONCLUSION

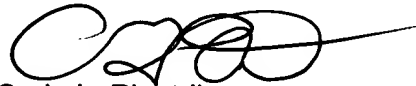
Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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